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AIR SERVICE CLUB

The Aromas Service Club will meet on Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 P.M. at the home of Larry and Carole Jones, 3580 Viola Drive, 724-0588. The purpose of this meeting will be to air opinions of Aromas citizens regarding pet projects and priorities for our community. All are welcome to attend.

The first scheduled meeting on the 5th of January served to interest a great many(!) in what had transpired. Unfortunately, there was nothing to report. No one was present.

Both the NORTH COUNTY NEWS and THE VALLEY WORLD show increased interest in Aromas and wish to carry articles regarding this up-and-coming and on-going event. It would appear this recognition is timely and finds us quivering on the brink of an era of unified action and untold creative associations.

MENTALLY GIFTED MINORS

There are two programs available to mentally gifted minors. The Lyceum is a Santa Cruz County non-profit organization which provides seminars, workshops, field trips, and study groups aimed at extending the child's range of interest. There is also a state-funded program which is a part of our school district's special education program. This MGM program can be developed through testing by our school psychologist, Larry Barrow, assembling those who meet the State Education Code criteria for the gifted, and providing a program facilitated by parents, teachers and Mr. Barrow. Lyceum activities are on-going and, after being tested and approved or referred by teacher or principal, may participate on a first-come first-served basis. A family fee of $15.00 per year is required. For more information write LYCEUM OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, P.O. Box 696, Capitola, California 95010 or call 688-1631. To apply for state funds, we must

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locate our mentally gifted students. Parents who wish to pursue exceptional education for their children may request a teacher to refer students to Mr. Barrow for testing.

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SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, LARRY BARROW, is available every Friday at Aromas School for consultation. Call 728-3611 for an appointment. Mr. Barrow serves Mintie White, Pajaro, Hall District, and E.A. Hall schools.

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PARENTAL STRESS SERVICES (P.S.S.)

Most parents need help some time or other, because times change and some of the old "tried and true" family rules create friction in today's fast-moving world. "Nobody understands romance, either," Rona Seabrook, 29, director of P.S.S. said. "That's the excitement and the challenge - trying to discover what works. To me, it's the same with being a parent. You develop your own techniques along the way."

Complaints of parents are varied. P.S.S. provides professional counsel, groups, a listening line, and public presentations. There are four staff members including Rona and about 20 volunteers, most parents themselves. Because the service is available on a 24-hour basis, parents can reach out and get help before things get to a crisis state.

Donations of furniture, wall hangings, plants and money are needed. More volunteers will be needed for training in January. Offices are located at 532 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060, 426-7322 and 406 Main St., Suite 317, Watsonville, Ca. 95076, 722-1211.

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SOMETHING IS HAPPENING ON VALUENTINE'S DAY

Monday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 P.M. a potluck dinner at the home of the Morales', 551 Snyder, will provide the atmosphere for discussion of an Aromas gathering on Valentine's Day. One possibility is a dance at the Grange Hall with live music and refreshments; admission to support a community effort such as a science event for the students. Other possibilities will be entertained and work begun. Those interested, please call Barbara Morales, 724-6879.

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GRANGE BREAKFAST

On Sunday, January 25, 1976, the Grange will hold their monthly breakfast. Hours are from 8:30 A.M. to L:30 P.M. and the cost will be $1.75 for adults and $1.00 for children. Everyone is invited.

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FIRE DISTRICT - by Francine Carroll

The Aromas Tri-County Fire District Meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 P.M. at the Firehouse. Items on the agenda include a decision on the Forestry Department contract issue and the appointment of a new fire chief. As these issues have been hotly debated within the community, it is vital for residents to attend this meeting and make their preferences known.

Letter to the Editor:

THE AROMAS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT would like to inform the citizens of the Tri-County Fire District of their unanimous decision to oppose the contracting of the California State Department of Forestry for our fire protection.

Some basic problems appeared as we considered the option. First, the Department of Forestry would be operating our existing equipment, with slightly less

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full-time firefighting personnel and would have to rely more heavily on Volunteers. Second, new and replacement equipment would still be purchased by the taxpayers in this district. Third, the District would completely lose control over who is hired and fired here as well as how much they would be paid, as these men would be State employees. But the Tri-County Fire District would still be held responsible for raising the money for the payroll. As it works out, the full time men would be making less money per hour than they do now, but working more hours. Fourth, this year we have an operating budget of $54,459.92 compared to the Forestry's contract price of $68,565.36. Plus, our budget has an additional $12,000.00 in a contingency fund for unforeseen expenditures and new equipment, which their's does not.

In short, we believe our fire protection would not be improved. Considering the loss of control and apparent increase in cost, all for some hopeful improvement in administration, we cannot support such a move.

We need the citizens, the board of commissioners, and the fire department to make a commitment, to unite and work together to build this fire department up from within to what it can and will have to be in the future. Aromas has all the resources it needs for a really first-rate fire department - all it has to do is use them.

Sincerely,
THE AROMAS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Spokesman, Richard Fischer, 722-9394

THE AIR interviewed Mr. Del Armer, Fire Commissioner, whose comments were: "I don't feel we can afford Forestry. We lose too much local control and the paid people won't benefit that much from it." Mr. Ken White, another of the five Fire Commissioners, refused to make a statement either for or against the Forestry measure, but did state that Aromas citizens should listen carefully to the Forestry representative's presentation at the January 14th meeting.

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BURN DAYS

The burning of trash takes place according to California area pollution measurements. If you are wondering if it's a good day to burn your trash, call 728-1257 for a recorded message which will tell you whether it is a burn day and which hours burning is permitted.

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Letter to the Editor:

The State of California has mandated that each county bring its zoning into conformance with its general plan.

For this purpose, Monterey County Planning Staff and local Advisory Committees within North Monterey County, after area public meetings, presented maps for consideration to the Planning Commission.

January 14th at 7:30 P.M. in the Supervisor's Chambers, the resulting plan will be presented to the public.

We need a plan right now. The alternative is continued and rapid division of rural areas. What we have is next to no plan at all, and we are letting developers abuse an area incapable of supporting high density living.

High density living brings with it problems whose solutions are associated with city life - public water systems, sewage disposal systems, lighting, noise pollution, traffic and air pollution. All require additional taxation.

Practial consideration would take into account existing ranching operations which could not support "city taxation." We need to consider such things as nursery establishments which have been moved to this area to avoid a damaging air pollution problem.

It would be [illegible]

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It would be foolish to believe that the suburbia that spread through the orchards of the Santa Clara Valley cannot overtake us.

We are property owners and are protective of our rights. However, we are only temporary and have a responsibility to the land and succeeding generations. We represent no special interests; our interest is in orderly growth and in keeping the area rural.

We are fearful of small interest groups who make themselves appear to represent a majority.

We support the new proposed rezoning and urge all those who share our feelings to please attend and take advantage of making yourselves heard.

Virginia White, 126 Corey Rd., Watsonville
Eleanor Meyer, 68 Corey Rd., Watsonville
722-1412

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CABLE T.V. - by Francine Carroll

Petitions demonstrating interest in the availability of cable television in Aromas will begin circulating this week on a door-to-door basis. Anyone who is willing to put in a few hours on this project, or who wishes to be certain of signing the petition, please call Francine Carroll, 728-2749, evenings.

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AROMAS POSTAL SERVICE

Mrs. N. Megason retired, effective December 31, 1975, after 21 years, 2 months and 9 days with the postal service. A dinner was held in her honor at the Painted Wagon in Gilroy. In attendance were Postmaster, Mr. Morris Hoff and wife, Clerk Suellen Rapozo (Mrs. Megason's replacement), Rural Carrier, Ted Floros; also, the Postmaster of San Juan Bautista, Mrs. Weatherly and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chisholm, and the Evaristic Trio, which provided the music and whose lead is a substitute carrier. Mrs. Megason was presented with a rubber money tree.

RATE CHANGES: Domestic Mail: Air Mail - 17¢; First Class-13¢; Post Cards-9¢. Foreign Mail: First Class Letters, Canada and Mexico-13¢ per oz.; other countries-18¢ first oz., 31¢ over one oz., but not over two oz., and 41¢ over 2 oz. but not over 4 oz; Post Cards, Canada and Mexico-9¢ and other countries 12¢. Airmail: Foreign Letters: Aerogrammes -22¢ ea.; Canada and Mexico-17¢ ea.; Cuba, Bermuda, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela-25¢ per ½ oz.; other countries-31¢ per ½ oz.; Postcards, Canada and Mexico-14¢; other countries-21¢.

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WATER DISTRICT meeting to take place Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 P.M., Firehouse.

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ASTRONOMY CLASS - by John Sinacori

The public is invited to observe the current show of major planets, if weather permits, at a private residence on Carr Avenue, Friday night, January 16. The planets Jupiter, Mars and Saturn are favorably located for viewing this month and an eight-inch telescope will be available to those interested in studying these objects. Although Mars has passed oppostion and is now receding from Earth, it nevertheless is close enough that surface detail may be visible. At about 10 P.M. the great nebula in Orion will also be favorably located for viewing. The nearly

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full moon will also be near Orion so some of the nebula's details may be obscured. If time permits, other objects including the double cluster in Perseus and the variable star Algol will be viewed.

There will be a heated room available and coffee will be served. The session will begin at 8 P.M. and can last well into the night. It will be limited to eight persons on a first-come first-served basis. Please call 724-1945 for arrangements to attend.

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CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING - by Francine Carroll

A women's consciousness raising group has begun holding evening meetings in Aromas. Women of all ages and interests are invited to attend. Weekly discussion topics and contact with fresh points of view offer opportunities for self-exploration and personal growth. The meetings are held Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M. at the home of Francine Carroll, 306 Bardue. Anyone having questions about the group is welcome to call Francine after 6 P.M. at 728-2749.

A morning group meets on Mondays from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Baby-sitting is provided. All interested, call Sherry Shubin at 722-9613.

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"Y" ACTIVITIES

The YW-Ms is holding a meeting on Wednesday, January 14th at 10:00 A.M. at the Methodist Church, 229 Stanford, Watsonville. The topic will be "Hobbies and Crafts." All are welcome to bring something to share. Child care will be provided. On Wednesday, January 21st at 10:00 A.M. there will be a meeting concerning the YWCA Drop-In Day Care Center. Plans are being formulated and input is requested from the community. Child care will be provided and the meeting takes place at the Methodist Church mentioned above.

Aromas "Y" contact is Mary Parker of Seely Road, 722-8681.

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4H HIGHLIGHTS

The 4-H-ers rode through Aromas during the Christmas season on a haytruck carolling to all within hearing distance. The next featured activity will be a Baseball Game against the Future Farmers of America (FFA) on January 18th. To raise money, a "piggy bank" will be enacted. A plate of food will be given a 4-H member. Having assessed its worth and donating that amount, the member will prepare a plate of food to be given the next member in line, and so on. Money collected will be used to enhance the Community Pride program. Community Pride entails services such as sharing animals for a morning with the retarded students at Duncan Holbert, cleaning up parks, and supporting an adopted child in Taiwan whose expenses amount to $144.00 per year. 4-H activities are open to all from the age of 9 through 18. Meetings take place at the Grange Hall on the first Friday of each month. Next scheduled meeting will be February 6, 1976 at 7:30 P.M.

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GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Troop 4220 will be selling cookies for $1.25 per box from January 23 to February 9. Contact Mrs. Lunevich, 724-9292, if you miss their call.

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P.T.A. EVENTS FORTHCOMING

Aromas School P.T.A. will be sponsoring a Box Lunch Social in mid-February. Look for details in the next issue of the AIR. The headliner for March will be a Talent Show. All valley talent will be considered. Please call Aromas School and talk with Claudia Mize or Linda Child, 728-3611.

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PARENT EDUCATION - by Barbara Morales, Coordinator

Aromas parents are invited to Hall District School, Sill Road, (Las Lomas) for a talk with slides presented by a woman visiting from Peru. This will take place on February 6th at 10:00 A.M. For information regarding transportation and baby-sitting arrangements, call Barbara Morales, 724-6879.

Los padres de familia de la escuela Aromas estan invitados a un presentacion de transparencias de una visitante de Peru estara en la escuela Hall District, Sill Road, (Las Lomas). La fecha es 6 de febrero, a las 10:00 en la manana. Para informacion sobre transportacion y cuida de minos, llama Barbara Morales, 724-6879.

WORKSHOPS

During minimum day afternoons on January 15th and 22nd, inservice-training will be provided dealing with the history, culture and current problems of racial and ethnic minorities in our school district. Call Aromas School, 728-3611, for further information and/or transportation and baby-sitting arrangements.

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of Aromas School will meet the week of January 12th. A workshop will be provided. Look for an announcement from the school early that week regarding time and subject. Baby-sitting will be available.

THE CHILD: INDIVIDUAL IN A GROUP ENVIRONMENT. Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Mar Vista Multi-purpose Room, 6860 Soquel Drive, Aptos. February 21: Language and Thinking Strategies, Marily Bramley, Riverside; March 13: Creative Drama and Puppetry, Pacific Coast Performing Arts; April 24: Learning through Experience, Ken Larson, Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

ADVISORY COUNCIL CATALYST FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. Objectives: Provide general information about advisory councils, provide skills on 16 special areas of advisory work, work with resource people on special problems, construct strategies for action plans. Strategy: General sessions in which everyone hears same information, 16 specific in-depth aspects of which participants choose only a few, and individual team meetings to develop plans of action. Where and When: San Jose State, Friday, January 16th and Saturday, January 17th. Cost: $20 to commute and $30 for overnight stay. If you are interested in this session, please call Aromas School, 728-3611 to arrange for attendance.

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PVUSD SOUTH ZONE PARENT LEADERS

Tuesday, January 13, 1976, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M., Fellowship Hall, Lutheran Church Trinity, 175 Lawrence Avenue, Watsonville. Agenda: Collective Bargaining and Its Implications for PVUSD (Raynor), School Finance (Cheaney), Smoking on High School Campuses (Senate Bill 171 - Cooper), Physical Education Exemption (Senate Bill 16 - Cooper), Affirmative Action (Sauer), Handling Complaints (Lopez), Junior High School Discipline (von der Mehden), Revenue Limit - Vote Registration (Baker). For baby-sitting or transportation, call Carole Jones, 724-0588.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS.....from P.V. Federation of Teachers - by G. Carmely

Governing Board Meeting was called to order at 8 P.M., January 6, 1976 after an Executive Session from 7 - 8 P.M. All members were present.

Tentative timetable for lease-purchase construction of new facilities at Salsipuedes, Rolling Hills, Valencia, Aptos High School and Instructional Materials Center accepted by Board including delivery of Bonds to Purchaser on April 20,1976.

Pilot Program at E.A. Hall School: Board accepted a new program at E.A. Hall changing from an 8 period day to a 7 period. Periods will be extended by 5 minutes and homeroom by 8 minutes. Basic courses in language, math and reading will be emphasized. The new program is to: Expand the course offerings in the basic skill area; make each homeroom teacher an extension of the counseling department; reduce the number of students seen per day by each teacher; and increase the time each student spends with a given teacher per week.

Pajaro School change order: Trustee Solano questioned use of copper tubing which he stated is three times as expensive as polyethylene tubing. Board approved change order, but Business Manager Cheaney will check comparative costs.

Pilot Program accepted for Aptos High School: A new "Center Studies" program involving three periods of P.E., English and Social Studies was accepted for the spring semester at Aptos High School. Objectives of the program, involving 60 students, are: To provide a study of the community, its resources, problems and needs; and to expand the learning areas beyond the school campus.

Personnel items: New Employees - Gary Harrold, Bradley; Maria Teresa Leyva, Migrant Education; Esther Fisher, Amesti Resource teacher (10 days). Resignation: Jerold Strong, W.H.S., P.E. teacher; Marsha Allen, W.H.S., Retirement:Harold Miller, W.H.S. Shop teacher retiring after 28½ years of service. Praise was heaped on Mr. Miller by Mr. Donald Sauer for his valuable service and for "the best attendance record."

Increasing the District's Revolving Cash Fund: Board approved an increase from $5,000 to $10,000 of the revolving cash fund with statement from Business Manager Cheaney that: "We need more funds available for payroll."

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DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting of the DAC will be on Thursday, January 22, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. in the Renaissance School Board Room. There will be a Parent Training Session scheduled at 3:00 P.M. that afternoon which is open to all and baby-sitting is provided at the site. The subject for discussion will be announced.

The Parent Training Session of December 18 was summarized by the Office of Compensatory Education and points that seemed to surface frequently were as follows: 1) Parent Involvement is almost entirely dependent upon the School Principal, 2) In order for parents to become involved they need information. That is - effective training sessions yielding a general knowledge relating to the school program, guidelines, laws, and enough jargon to feel comfortable conversationally, 3) Visiting other school sites is helpful, 4) Attending conferences, training sessions, workshops, are most helpful, 5) Rewriting School projects or school plans - A 12th's on understandable language or "English" rather than normal education jargon-ese, 6) Sending out a newspaper covering community news and/or school news relating to the educational program, 7) In addition to the notices, personal communication from teachers and aides visiting the homes on an informal basis for positive reasons rather than emergencies or negative situations, 8) Making home visits for reporting conferences, 9) Parent Involvement initially comes from the school's out-reach, 10) Parents need to understand that they have valuable input, 11) Parents need to organize so that one or two parents don't feel all alone, 12) The Principal must be convinced that Parent Involvement is needed and necessary and desirable, 13) Parents need to understand that school employees are human, 14) Parents must feel free to ask questions, 15) Attendance can be gained at Parent Advisory sessions if the school desires, 16) It is normal for parents to feel uncomfortable at the school sites just as it is normal for teachers to feel

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uncomfortable in parents' homes, 17) Parent INVOLVEMENT IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM CANNOT BE ACHIEVED OVERNIGHT, BUT must be worked towards by both parents and staff, 18) Advisory Groups can work together to support each other in getting organized, 19) Parent Involvement often begins around a central issue such as a breakfast program, bus schedule, desire for a particular program such as nutrition, etc.

Leading this discussion was a team (Project Director, Rosemary Faitus; Chairperson, Doris Littlefield, Live Oak PAC; and Laurel Gaines, Parent Volunteer Coordinator) from Live Oak School District which has been indicated by the Early Childhood Education Office in Sacramento as an exemplary program worthy of replication.

A visit to Live Oak School will be made by Carole Jones on Tuesday, January 13 at 1:00 P.M. All wishing to accompany her please call 724-0588 to make arrangements. Live Oak School contains grades K through 3 and is the site of a preschool center.

MINIMUM SCHOOL DAYS

Thursday, January 15th and Thursday, January 22nd will be minimum school days at Aromas Sdool. Children come home at 1:00 P.M. on those days. The kindergarten children in Mrs. Herrera's class should come to class at 9:40 A.M. on these special days.

SIXTH GRADE PARENTS

Monday, January 12th at 3:15 in the Aromas School Cafeteria, parents of 6th graders are urged to meet with Mr. Duane Peterson, Gloria Van Deren and Cheryl Walker regarding the County Outdoor Education Camp Program during the week of March 29th.

OLD PICTURE FRAMES. All sizes from 24" x 36" down: 50¢ to $3.00. Call Ruby King at 724-4804.

TRAILOR-LAND COMMANDER. Good condition, sleeps 6, 16½ ft. Call Jack King, 724-4804 after 5:30 P.M.

NEW BRIDGE NEEDED on Carpenteria to replace old one which falls short of California state standards. Call Grace Comontofski, 724-1990, Carr Avenue. She is formulating a petition to present to Santa Cruz and San Benito counties and could use your help.

MEDITATION: GROWTH OF CHILDREN
by Ruby King

ROOM

Give them room to grow,
Like sunlight through the trees...
Step aside a little...
Give them room to breathe.
They need to feel Him near,
So, if you'd just let them,
They'd know He is...right here...

OH! SWEET LIBERTY
by William J. King

Oh! Sweet Liberty
Divine gift from ABROAD
What care we? Of love you demand.

Oh! Sweet Liberty
In rubble and rust.
Will you forgive?
Our lost Love and Trust.

ERIC HOFFER:
That which is unique and worthwhile
in us makes itself felt
only in flashes.
If we do not know how to catch
and savor these flashes,
we are without growth and
without exhilaration.

RODAN OF ALEXANDRIA:
Train your memory to hold in sacred trust the strength-giving and worthwhile episodes of life, which you can recall at will for your pleasure and edification. Thus build up for yourself and in yourself reserve galleries of beauty, goodness and artistic grandeur.